

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A cheese-based preparation comprising: ~~20~~ 32 to ~~40~~ 37% by weight lactose, 0 to 30% by weight skim milk powder, 10 to 70% by weight cocoa replacement fat, 5 to 70% by weight cheese powder, 0 to 4% by weight salt, and 0 to 3% by weight emulsifier.
2. (Original) The cheese-based preparation according to claim 1, wherein the cheese powder is selected from Gouda, Cheddar, and Emmentaler powder.
3. (Original) The cheese-based preparation according to claims 1 or 2, wherein skim milk powder is contained in an amount of 10 to 15% by weight.
4. (Original) The cheese-based preparation according to claim 3, wherein cocoa replacement fat is contained in an amount of 20 to 40% by weight.
5. (Original) The cheese-based preparation according to claim 4, wherein cheese powder is contained in an amount of 10 to 30% by weight.
6. (Original) The cheese-based preparation according to claim 5, wherein salt is contained in an amount of 0.5 to 1.5% by weight.
7. (Original) The cheese-based preparation according to claim 6, wherein an emulsifier is contained in an amount of 0.5 to 1.5% by weight.

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